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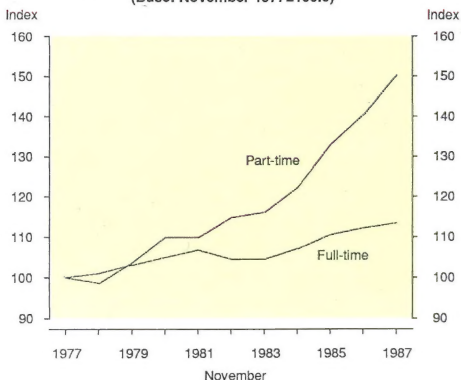
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## BACKGROUND

		November	
		1977	1987
<b>POPULATION</b>			
Total civilian population	million	14.1	16.2
Aged 15 and over	"	10.3	12.6
<b>LABOUR FORCE</b>			
Participation rates—males	%	79.3	74.4
—females	"	43.8	48.9
—persons	"	61.4	61.5
<b>EMPLOYMENT</b>			
Employed persons—total	' 000	5,995.4	7,159.9
—males	"	3,867.3	4,277.2
—females	"	2,128.2	2,882.7
—full-time	%	83.8	79.7
—part-time	"	16.2	20.3
Employment/population ratio	"	58.0	57.0
Underemployed	' 000	172.3	318.2
<b>UNEMPLOYMENT</b>			
Unemployed persons	' 000	346.8	566.5
Unemployment rate—males	%	4.5	7.1
—females	"	7.1	7.6
—persons	"	5.5	7.3
—aged 15-19	"	16.4	16.8
Average duration, persons	weeks	19.1	28.5
<b>JOB VACANCIES</b>	' 000	n.a.	52.2
<b>HOURS OF WORK</b>			
Average weekly hours worked by employed persons	hours	37.4	35.9
—full-time	"	41.4	41.2
—part-time	"	16.2	15.1
Average overtime hours per employee	"	n.a.	1.5
<b>INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS</b>		December	
Industrial disputes, days lost during year	' 000	1,654.8	1,316.4
Trade Union membership	"	2,797.9	3,240.1 (June)
<b>CHANGE IN WAGES AND PRICES</b>		12 months to 1987 %	10 years to 1987 %
Average weekly earnings, all males	Nov.	5.5	137.9
Award rates of pay index, wage and salary earners, adult males	Dec.	3.8	101.0
Consumer price index, all groups	Dec. Qtr.	7.1	126.6

## EMPLOYMENT

### FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT (Base: November 1977=100.0)



Source: The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0)

### WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS: PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTORS, November

	1977 %	1987 %
Private	70.1	70.4
Public—		
Commonwealth	7.9	7.3
State	19.5	19.6
Local	2.5	2.7
Total	29.9	29.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Sources: Employed Wage and Salary Earners, Australia (6248.0); Civilian Employees, Australia (6213.0)

### WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS: INDUSTRY(a) November 1987

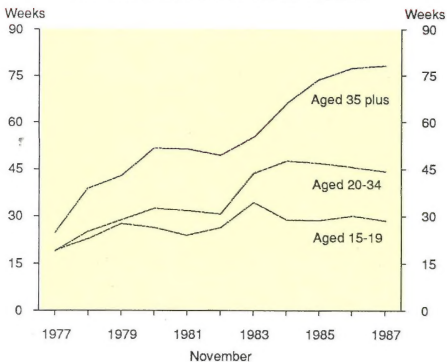
	'000	%
Mining	85.1	1.4
Manufacturing	1,069.6	18.2
Electricity, gas and water	128.8	2.2
Construction	273.7	4.6
Wholesale and retail trade	1,178.6	20.0
Transport and storage	294.9	5.0
Communication	133.1	2.3
Finance, property and business services	715.6	12.2
Public administration and defence	316.2	5.4
Community services	1,244.8	21.1
Recreation, personal and other services	438.9	7.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,887.4</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(a) Excludes employees of enterprises in the private sector primarily engaged in agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting.

Source: Employed Wage and Salary Earners, Australia (6248.0)

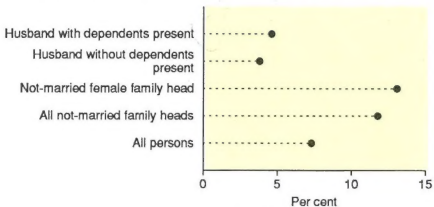
## UNEMPLOYMENT

### AVERAGE DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT



Source : The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0)

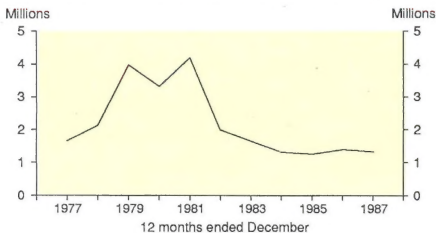
### UNEMPLOYMENT RATES: FAMILY STATUS, NOVEMBER 1987



Source: The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0)

## INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

### INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES: WORKING DAYS LOST



Source: Industrial Disputes, Australia (6321.0)

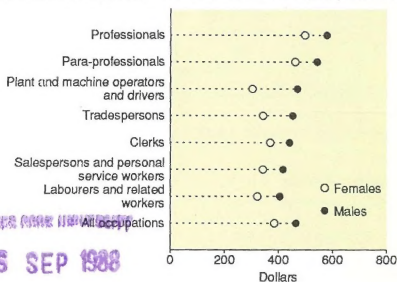
## EARNINGS

### AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS (\$)

	1985	November 1986	1987
All males	413.90	446.30	471.10
Full-time adults	453.60	488.60	517.50
All females	268.40	287.60	306.60
Full-time adults	353.70	382.00	401.90
All persons	355.60	380.60	402.50
Full-time adults	423.10	455.20	480.50

Source: Average Weekly Earnings, States and Australia (6302.0)

### AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS: FULL-TIME ADULT NON-MANAGERIAL EMPLOYEES BY OCCUPATION, MAY 1987



Source: Distribution and Composition of Employee Earnings and Hours, Australia, May 1987(6306.0)

## LABOUR COSTS

### MAJOR LABOUR COSTS PER EMPLOYEE PRIVATE SECTOR, 1986-87



Source: Major Labour Costs, Private Sector, Australia, 1986-87, Preliminary(6348.0)

## INTERNATIONAL COMPARISONS

### SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS, 1987

	<i>Population, June (million)</i>	<i>Civilian Employment, average for year (million)</i>	<i>Unemploy- ment rate, average for year (per cent)</i>
Australia	16.3	7.1	8.1
U.S.A.	243.8	112.4	6.1
Japan	122.1	59.1	2.8
Germany (Fed. Rep.)	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
United Kingdom	56.9	24.6	10.4
Italy	57.3	20.6	11.7
Canada	25.7	12.0	8.8
Sweden	8.4	4.3	1.9

Sources: UN Monthly Bulletin of Statistics, April 1988; OECD Labour Force Statistics 1/1988

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